

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently amended)      A method of measuring a blood component in a dry analytical process using a dry analytical element and a control serum, wherein said ~~dry analytical element comprises a serum that~~ control serum is prepared from a serum from which fibrin has been removed but which has not been subjected to dialysis by freezing or freeze drying ~~but not dialysis~~, further wherein said blood component is selected from the group consisting of blood urea nitrogen, uric acid, total cholesterol, creatinine, albumin, high density lipoprotein cholesterol, magnesium, alkaline phosphatase, and creatine kinase subunit MB.

Claim 3 (Previously presented):      The method of claim 2, wherein said blood component is uric acid or alkaline phosphatase.

Claim 4 (New):      The method of claim 2, wherein said fibrin has been removed in the presence of calcium ions.